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GROUP 3711
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q45980

Hisashi YAMAGISHI, et al.

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Examiner: Raeann Gorden

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For: MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit this Response to address the lone remaining issue raised in the Office Action of March 8, 2002. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-12 have been allowed. Claims 13-19 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (first paragraph). In the Office Action, the Examiner maintains:

The specification does not substantially disclose a third layer on the core of the golf ball. There is an option of providing additional layers (spec 9, line 5) but there are no specific details given regarding the characteristics. Particularly there is no mention of the Shore D hardness being less than the second layer (claim 13) or the thickness (claim 15). Furthermore, there is no mention of the specific gravities in claim 16 or the materials in claim 18. (Office Action, page 2)

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